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(U) San Diego – Mexican Woman Pleads Guilty to Bribing US Border Inspector
(U) A Mexican woman has pleaded guilty to bribing a US border inspector in San Diego with cash and sexual favors for allowing people to enter the country illegally. Miriam Juarez's plea agreement says she helped smuggle at least 10 people in cars from November 2015 to September 2016 at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing, charging them $15,000 each. US Customs and Border Protection Officer Jose Luis Cota has pleaded not guilty to charges of smuggling and receiving bribes.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Imposes Terrorism-Related Sanctions Against Bin Laden's Son
(U) Washington – The Obama administration imposed sanctions yesterday on a son of Osama bin Laden, saying the younger bin Laden poses a risk to US national security. The State Department said Hamza bin Laden has been added to its Specially Designated Global Terrorist list after he was "determined to have committed, or pose a serious risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security." Hamza bin Laden was officially named an al-Qa'ida member in 2014 by his father's successor, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and has called for lone wolf, or solo-operative, attacks against US, French, and Israeli interests in Washington, Paris and Tel Aviv.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Associated Press

(U) District of Columbia – DNI: Russia's Election Interference Went Far Beyond Hacks
(U) Washington – Director of National Intelligence James Clapper says the Russian government's interference with the United States election went far beyond the now highly publicized hacks of Democratic email accounts, which were merely one part of a multilayered campaign of propaganda and deception. The intelligence leader outlined various methods wielded by Moscow to interfere with US institutions during a morning testimony on cyberattacks yesterday before the Senate Armed Services Committee.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Yahoo News

(U) Illinois – Leaders of Hobos Gang Convicted of Racketeering
(U) Chicago – Federal jurors at the biggest gang trial in recent Chicago history yesterday convicted the core leadership of the Hobos, who prosecutors billed as an "all-star team" of the type of ruthless gangs police blame for an alarming spike in homicides last year. Accused Hobos boss Gregory Chester, alleged hitman Paris Poe and four others were found guilty of a racketeering conspiracy. Prosecutors alleged the conspiracy included the murder of at least nine people, from gang rivals to government witnesses.
SOURCE: 4 January 2017, ABC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – 3000 University of Alberta Students, Faculty Notified of Data Breach
(U) Alberta – The University of Alberta said yesterday it has reached out to more than 3,000 people whose university passwords were potentially at risk after a malware incident. On 22 November, malware was detected on 287 university computers. "This particular malware was designed to specifically attempt to harvest the university's primary ID password. Our primary ID is known as the campus computing ID or CCID," Gordie Mah, the university's chief information security officer said.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Global News

(U) Philippines – Security Forces Kill Leader of ISIL-Linked Group
(U) Manila – Philippine security forces killed the leader of a militant group supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in a clash yesterday, the country's police chief said, warning against possible retaliation. "I strongly believe that we have effectively broken the backbone of the militant Ansar Al-Khilafah Philippines (AKP)," Ronald Dela Rosa told a news conference to announce the death of the group's leader, Mohammad Jaafar Maguid. Three AKP colleagues of Maguid were also arrested in a police operation shortly after midnight at a resort in the southern province of Sarangani.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Reuters

(U) Yemen – Al-Qa'ida Leader Denounces ISIL
(U) Sana'a – Al-Qa'ida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri has denounced what he said was a dishonest propaganda campaign by rival group ISIL against his organization, in an audio message released yesterday. In the message found and translated by US-based watchdog the SITE Intelligence Group, the Egyptian extremist accuses ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi of slandering his group. Al-Qa'ida is locked in a battle with ISIL for the leadership of a global jihad.
SOURCE: 5 January 2017, Associated Foreign Press

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